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# **OFFICE OF THE PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE** **FEES TRANSMITTAL** **For FY 2005**

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Number	10/715,830
Filing Date	November 19, 2003
First Named Inventor	Torsten HILPERT, et al.
Examiner Name	F. M. Lawrence, Jr.
Art Unit	1724
Attorney Docket No.	037141.52868US

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**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
<b>Total Claims</b>		
-20 or HP	x	=
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20		
<b>Indep. Claims</b>		
- 3 or HP	x	=
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**4. OTHER FEES**

	Fee Paid (\$)
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)	
Other - Information Disclosure Statement fee	180.00

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Title : Centrifugal Separator

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 AND 1.98**

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DOCUMENTS**

An English abstract of the references are submitted here with.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed without a Certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance (whichever is earlier), and therefore a check for the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is

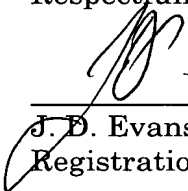
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		Country Code <sup>3</sup> –Number <sup>4</sup> –Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
		WO 99/56883	11/11/1999	Alfa Laval AB		
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